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1. Using a protease inhibitor in the process of isolating potato phosphorylase increases the phosphorylase activity and its lifespan. Chapter 2
2. Enzymes are natural catalysts. Their power should be exploited more *in vitro*. However, if the interests rests in the mechanism behind the reaction, one should be prepared for a long quest. Chapters 4 and 7
3. Size exclusion chromatography (SEC) and asymmetric flow field flow fractionation (AF4) with multi detection are the researcher's best friends in characterization of starch and starch-like polymers. Chapters 4 and 6
4. A negligibly small difference in structure can significantly affect a physical property. Chapter 5
5. The beauty of sport is that it works better than any medicine; it keeps you healthy, strong and capable of many things; stress-free, happy, satisfied and just name it – it is there!
6. People that we love do change sometimes, nevertheless we don't stop loving them; our paths simply diverge.
7. If someone says that you are crazy, they should provide the scale of normality. As Charls Bukowski once said: "Some people never go crazy. What truly horrible lives they must lead."
8. Spending too much time with a person too similar to you can be frightening; you clearly see the reflection of your flaws in that person.